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URS Louisville Works Earns Governor's Safety and Health Award

URS employees have worked 3.3 million hours without a lost-time injury

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (May 21, 2014) – Secretary Larry L. Roberts of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet joined employees and officials in Louisville today to honor URS Corp. working at DuPont Louisville Works with the Governor's Safety and Health Award. The award recognizes the facility for working more than 256,000 hours in 2013 without a lost-time accident or illness. This is the company's 12th consecutive Governor's Safety and Health award, which represents more than 3.3 million straight hours without a lost-time incident.

"URS Corp. deserves great credit for the safety record they have maintained," said Secretary Roberts. "URS has taken tremendous steps to ensure the safety and health of its workers, such as a fall protection plan, a hand safety team and a safety audit program, which have created a culture of safety and responsibility."

URS is a resident contractor for DuPont, and has about 70 employees at the DuPont Louisville Works site on Camp Ground Road in Louisville. The company produces refrigerants, acids and chemicals. Some of the products include raw materials for Teflon®, which is used on cooking skillets, and Tedlar®, which is used in solar cells, aircraft coatings and more.

“Safety is a priority in our workplace and we strive to prevent all injuries,” said Craig Herndon, site manager for URS. “I would like to thank and commend all of our employees for working together to keep everyone safe and healthy.”

Established in 1951, California-based URS Corp. (NYSE: URS) is a leading provider of engineering, construction, and technical services for public agencies and private sector companies around the world. URS has more than 50,000 employees in nearly 50 countries.

URS has taken numerous steps to ensure employee safety. The company created an employee safety protection plan requiring every employee to attend site specific training, including courses on aerial lifts, confined space, fall protection, and lockout/tagout procedures, and offers monthly webcast training on various safety and health topics.

The Labor Cabinet presents the Governor’s Safety and Health Award in recognition of outstanding safety and health performance. An establishment may qualify for the award if its employees together achieve a required number of hours worked without experiencing a lost-time injury or illness. The required number of hours is dependent upon the number of employees. In the case of URS Louisville Works, the requirement is 250,000 hours.

Every establishment within the geographical boundaries of Kentucky is eligible, even if the establishment won the award the previous year. Eligibility is limited to one award during a 12-month period of time.

The award is a certificate mounted on a wooden plaque. The certificate contains the signatures of Kentucky Gov. Beshear, Secretary Roberts and Department of Workplace Standards Commissioner Anthony Russell.

The Governor’s Safety and Health Award program is part of Gov. Steve Beshear’s efforts to improve the health of all Kentuckians. The Governor launched [kyhealthnow](#) in February as an aggressive and wide-ranging initiative to significantly reduce incidents and deaths from Kentucky’s dismal health rankings and habits. It builds on Kentucky’s successful implementation of health care reform and uses multiple strategies over the next several years to improve the state’s collective health.

For more on the Governor’s Safety and Health Award, and for a list of past winners, click [here](#).

For more on URS, visit www.urs.com.

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